the various trade unions as to how best the various units can be revived/rehabilitated to the extent possible.

(b) 109 Central Public Sector Enterprises incurred losses during the year 1990-91. The number of regular employees in these Public Sector Enterprises as on 31-3-1991 was 959103.

Agro-based Industries in rural areas

3928. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the plan to start agro-based industries in rural areas of the country during the 8th Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the potential of employment generation and what is likely to be the share of Maharashtra State;

(c) what is the target fixed for export of agricultural commodities and finished agricultural products during Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) what amount of foreign exchange is likely to be earned out of that?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) The Government of India is giving lot of importance for the development of agro-based industries in the rural areas of the country. The Central Schemes in VSI Sector are formulated to promote and develop VSI units including agro-based units in rural areas. Incentives such as financial assistance, infrastructural facilities, training, marketing assitance, technology upgradation, raw material assistance etc. are provided to these industries.

Agro-based industries has generated large employment opportunities in rural areas. Maharasthra State, which has a wide network of agro-based industries is likely to have lion's share in the employment generation during Eighth Five Year Plan through these industries.

(c) and (d) A target of 5307 thousand MTs has been fixed for export of agricultural commodities consisting of fresh fruits & vegetables, processed fruits and vegetables, animal products, other processed foods, basmati rice, non-basmati rice and other cereals, by the Agricultral and Processed Food Products Expt Development Authority (APEDA) an apex body under the Ministry of Commerce during the Eighth Five Year Plan period. The anticipated amount of foreign exchange likely to be earned out of export of the agricultural products will be equivalent to the tune of Rs. 4915 crores as per the estimates of APEDA.

Restrictions on Foreign Investment Companies

3929. SHRI SOMPAL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any restriction is put on Foreign Investment Companies on repatriation of their earnings, profits etc.

(b) what are the conditions on which China permits foreign investment in their country; and

(c) what is the total foreign investment in India till this day and what is the investment pending clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Under the new Industrial Policy, remittance of dividend on foreign equity is to be balanced against export earnings over a period of 7 years from commencement of production.

(b) According to available information, the law on Chinese—Foreign joint ventures sets a minimum of 25% for investment by foreign parties without any maximum limit. Foreigners are also permitted to operate firms owned wholly by themselves. The joint ventures are required in general to maintain a balance between their foreign exchange receipt and expenditure.

(c) The total amount of foreign investment involved in foreign collaboration proposals approved during the last few years is as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Amount of foreign investment approved
1987	107.70
1988	239.75
1989	316.66
1990	128.32
1991	534.11
1992 (Upto February, 1992)	729.05

Information regarding pending proposals for clearance of foreign investmen is not being maintained centrally, as these are submitted to various authorities, such as the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals (SIA), Reserve Bank o India (RBI), Foreign Investment PromotionBoard (FIPB), etc.

Service conditions of workers in Gand Ashram

3930. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a High Power Committee appointed to look into the problems and conditions of service including pay scale etc. of the workers of Gandhi Ashram and other such organisation working for promotion of Khadi has submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations in this regard; and

(c) what is Govt.'s reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN): (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) *and* (*c*) The recommendations of the High Power Committee are under consideration of the Government.

Import of Viscose staple fibre plant

3931. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permimitted any Indian company in the private sector to import Viscose Staple Fibre plant from abroad; if so, the reasns therefor; and

(b) whether Indian Industry possesses the capacity and technology to produce a state of the art plant in this Sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Government have no information regarding the import of Viscose Staple Fibre plant.

(b) M/s. Grasim Industries Ltd. manufactures complete staple fibre/filament rayon plant.

Guidelines of the Bureau of Public Enterprises on Land Acquisition etc.

3932. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are guidelines issued by the Bureau of Public Enterprises with regard to acquisition of Land Compensation and rehabilitation of displaced people; and

(b) whether these guidelines have not been made public; if so, the resons therefor?

E MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) *and* (b) The Government has prescribed certain guidelines on land acquisition and rehabilitation aspect involved in major project of Public Sector Enterprises vide BPE OM No. 15/13/84-BPE(C) dated 3-2-1986. A copy of this OM is enclosed. (*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 78). This OM is not a confidential document and its copies have been circulated to all Ministries, Chief Executive of PSUs and including the Central Secretariat Library. It was also published in Feb., 1986 issue of Lok Udyog, a Monthly Journal which was being brought out by the Bureau of Public Enterprises at that time.

All India Radio Advisory Body

3933. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that All India Radio has got an Advisory body at the All India level and for Delhi Station separately to formulate the programme for music broadcast by the different stations of AIR and by Delhi Station itself; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and how they are constituted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) There is no Advisory Committee on All India level. However, there are Programme Advisory Committees attached to various radio stations including Delhi All India Radio Station for making suggestions for the broadcast of programmes.

(b) The Programme Advisory Committees are constituted for a period of two years with the Director of the Station as the Chairman. In addition to four exofficio members, the Committees also, ordinarily, consist of fifteen non-official members. The Committees are constituted by the Director General of All India Radio with the approval of the Government.